

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the first full paragraph of the specification at page 1, lines 5-10 (in accordance with support provided at least at page 6, lines 9-10) as noted below (where added text is underlined and deleted text is marked with ~~strikethrough~~):

The present invention relates to a virtualized-information management apparatus that manages corresponding information between real volume(s) (real storage areas) of plural storages connected to a network and a virtual volume (virtual storage area) created by virtually integrating the real volume(s) (real storage areas), and that efficiently builds a virtualizing storage system with reliability.